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1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED US THAT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS AGREED TO BECOME CO-SPONSOR ON KOREAN RESOLUTION BUT INDICATED THERE WAS SOME LACK OF CLARITY IN FILIPINO MINDS CONCERNING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PARA 3 OF RESOLUTION. DFA STATED SECRETARY ROMULO WISHED TO ASCERTAIN EXACT INTENTION OF THIS PARAGRAPH BEFORE BECOMING A FORMAL SUBSCRIBER IN NEW YORK.

2. FRESH SOUNDINGS BY EMB AT DFA DREW FIRM REITERATION OF POSITION OUTLINED BY MINISTER SHAHANI IN REF A. ONCE AGAIN STATING GOP GIVING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, SHAHANI NEVERTHELESS DENIED FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO CO-SPONSOR. SHAHANI SINGLED OUT PARA 3 AS THE KEY POLITICAL QUESTION FOR THIS UNGA.
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THE GOP'S ASIAN NEIGHBORS WILL BE WATCHING THEIR ACTIONS.

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THEREFORE, SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF THE SITUATION, IN THE SENSE OF KNOWING WHAT IT WAS THAT THE OTHER SIDE WANTED, BEFORE TAKING A POSITION AS CO-SPONSOR. SHAHANI STATED THAT JURISDICTION IN THIS MATTER HAS PASSED TO THE GOP DELEGATION IN NEW YORK.

3. COMMENT: OVERALL IMPRESSION WHICH WE HAVE GAINED FROM RECENT CONTACTS WITH DFA ON THIS SUBJECT SUGGEST THAT PHILS WILL, IN FACT, SUPPORT RESOLUTION AND MAY EVEN COME IN FAIRLY EARLY BUT THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR AN APPENDAGE OF UNITED STATES POLICY ON THIS QUESTION. APPARENTLY, ROMULO HAS AUTHORITY TO ACT AND PRESUMABLY WILL DO SO AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY HAS NOT DISCUSSED REF B WITH DFA BUT WE BELIEVE BARTOLEME'S POSITION QUITE POSSIBLY DELAYING TACTIC CONNECTED WITH AFOREGOING. FURTHER APPROACHES AT DFA PROBABLY NOT PRODUCTIVE.
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